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## BOOK REVIEWS



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CHILD-EMPLOYING INDUSTRIES: Report of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Child Labor Committee. Published by the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia.

The report of the National Child Labor Committee becomes, with each year of its issue, a more and more important item in the literature of social science. The present number contains papers from many well-known enthusiasts in the cause of child labor reform—among them, Felix Adler, Florence Kelly, Rabbi Wise, Hon. E. J. Watson, Richard K. Conant, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Homer Folks, A. J. McKelway, and many others.

The surprising feature of the work of the National Child Labor Committee is the indifference with which the cause is regarded by the legislature. States are slow in adopting laws to restrict and to regulate child labor, and, more remarkable still, the states where one expects prompt remedial action are the ones which retard the great national reform. New England is the object of reproach from less highly cultured states because New England standards are by no means an example to the West and the South. Pennsylvania, too, makes for the retarding of justice and mercy by allowing children to work a twelve-hour day. Possibly the National Child Labor Committee does not recognize the fact, patent to most, that chivalry is most conspicuous by its absence in the great centres of civilization and education.

HOW TO SLEEP. By Marian M. George. A. Flanagan Company, Chicago and New York.

There is a popular tendency now-a-days to pursue our daily life by scientific rule; and when one considers how many people do the common acts of existence wrongly instead of rightly, we feel inclined to applaud the faddists who count their mastications, and measure their drinks of water, and weigh their daily bread. In like manner we applaud those who make a business of getting their hours of work and play and rest arranged, so that one shall not encroach upon the other, and that there may be no danger of robbing Peter to pay Paul, as the saying